



REDUCE YOUR RISK IN 2006

January *Then and Now*

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February *Secure it Now!*

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March *Make A Plan*

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April *Make Disaster Kits*

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May *Is Your Place Safe?*

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June *Drop, Cover, and Hold On*

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July *Check it Out!*

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August *Communicate and Recover!*

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September *Back to School*

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October *Fire and Ice*

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November *Test Your Plan*

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December *Lend a Hand*

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EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM

Use the Emergency Survival Program (ESP)'s new list of monthly steps as your guide for preparing for the possibility of a major earthquake, terrorist incident or other emergency.

Additional information is available in the monthly ESP Focus information sheets at www.espfocus.org.

Additional campaign materials are available through your local City/County Office of Emergency Services

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January

Then and Now

In large regional earthquakes, such as the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, or the terrorism acts of September 11, 2001, emergency response agencies might be overwhelmed. You, your neighbors, co-workers and classmates may be forced to take actions on your own. Take time now to learn about what happened then and how it can prepare you for the safety actions to take now.

May

Is Your Place Safe?

Most houses are not as safe as they could be. Whether you are a homeowner or a renter, there are things that you can do to improve the structural integrity of your home. Some of the things that you might consider checking include inadequate foundations, unbraced cripple walls, soft first stories, unreinforced masonry and vulnerable pipes. Consult a contractor or engineer to help you identify your building's weaknesses and begin to fix them now.

February

Secure It Now!

Reducing and/or eliminating hazards throughout your home, neighborhood, workplace and school can greatly reduce your risk of injury or death following the next earthquake or other disaster. Conduct a "hazard hunt" to help identify and fix things such as unsecured televisions, computers, bookcases, furniture, unstrapped items now will help to protect you tomorrow.

March

Make A Plan

Planning for an earthquake, terrorist attack, or other emergency is not much different from planning for a party or vacation. Make sure that your emergency plan includes evacuation and reunion plans; your out-of-state contact person's name and number; the location of your emergency supplies and other pertinent information. By planning now, you will be ready for the next emergency.

April

Make Disaster Kits

Everyone should have disaster supplies kits stored in accessible locations at home, at work and in your vehicle. Having emergency supplies readily available can reduce the impact of an earthquake, a terrorist incident or other emergency on you and your family. Your disaster supplies kits should include food, water, flashlights, portable radios, batteries, a first aid kit, cash, extra medications, a whistle, fire extinguisher, etc.

August

Communicate and Recover!

Following a major disaster, communication will be an important step in your recovery efforts. Turn on your portable radio for information and safety advisories. If your home is damaged, contact your insurance agent right away to begin your claims process. For most Presidentially declared disasters, resources will also be available from federal, state, and local government agencies.

December

Lend a Hand

Local fire, law enforcement, medical services and other personnel might be overwhelmed and unable to assist you after a damaging event. You may be asked to lend a hand. There are many programs, such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the American Red Cross that can provide valuable training for you and your family. Learn about these and other resources now.

November

Test Your Plan

One way to find out how well your emergency plan is going to work is to practice it. Plan a drill based on a make-believe earthquake, fire, terrorist attack or other disaster. Testing your plan this way will help you to identify and correct any weaknesses before a real emergency occurs. It will also help members of your family or group feel confident in being able to work together. Remember – Practice Makes Perfect!

October

Fire and Ice

Preparedness is the key to surviving wild land fires and lethal winter storms. Timely preparation, including structural and non-structural measures to avoid the impacts of wildfires and severe winter weather, can help reduce heavy repair expenditures following an event. Also remember to keep your car and other vehicles fueled and in good repair in case you are asked to evacuate. Have your emergency survival kit ready to go with you, just in case.

September

Back to School

Schools should have emergency plans to meet the threat of terrorism, earthquakes and other emergencies. They should be updated and exercised regularly. Emergency supplies, such as water, food and other basic items, are also an important part of school preparedness. If you are a parent or guardian, make sure your child's school is well prepared and that it is a safe place to learn.